

California Perspective



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Components of the Governor's Environmental Action Plan

- ◆ Relieve traffic congestion
- ◆ Improve water quality
- ◆ Protect open space (forest, woodlands, areas around military bases) and farmland
- ◆ Promote smart growth
- ◆ Invest in urban areas
- ◆ **Address brownfield sites**

Cal/EPA Environmental Justice Strategy

Components of the plan include:

- ◆ Improve tools for public participation and communication
- ◆ Integrate EJ into the Environmental Action Plan
- ◆ Provide Guidance on Precautionary Applications
- ◆ Develop Guidance on Cumulative Impacts Analysis and Conduct Cumulative Health Impacts Reduction Plan (CHIRP) Pilot Projects

Environmental Justice (EJ) Action Plan is available at
<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice/>

Site Assessment



- ◆ Many years of experience conducting site assessment activities under US EPA grants.
- ◆ Developed Preliminary Endangerment Guidance Manual to provide guidance for assessing Sites in California.
- ◆ Reviewed site assessments for over 1300 school sites throughout California.
- ◆ Obtained federal Brownfields funding to conduct targeted site investigations.
- ◆ Work with local agencies and non-profit groups receiving EPA Brownfields Grants

The Benefits of Environmental Review



- ◆ Ensure property is adequately characterized
- ◆ Tailor process to the site -- make project efficient and cost effective

New Generation of Environmental Protection

Guidance Documents developed:

- ◆ Preliminary Endangerment Assessment Guidance Manual
- ◆ Characterization of former agricultural property
- ◆ Addressing lead-based paint and asbestos
- ◆ Guidance Manual for Groundwater Investigations
- ◆ Soil gas investigations

New Generation of Environmental Protection

Proposed legislation to:

- ◆ Provide Brownfields liability relief for innocent landowners, adjacent property owners and prospective purchasers similar to the federal legislation
- ◆ Define “all appropriate inquiries” and “appropriate care”
- ◆ Provide a streamlined cleanup process for lower risk sites



Continuing Challenges

- ◆ Meeting the challenges in the Governor's Action Plan
- ◆ Accelerating the pace of Brownfields Cleanup
- ◆ Developing a Brownfields inventory
- ◆ Improving our database of Sites
- ◆ Integrating screening values into our cleanup process
 - ◆ Methodology currently under public review. Anticipate publishing values in August 2004.
- ◆ Determining how to address naturally occurring chemicals such as asbestos.





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